Yesterday, Congressman Blumenauer visited Reynolds High School. At 3000 students, Reynolds is the largest – and most diverse – high school in Oregon; its students represent more than 50 nations and speak more than 45 different languages.

Reynolds has an important turn-around story to tell. Four years ago, the school graduated only 48% of its Seniors; today that figure is more than 80%. Under the leadership of Principal Jeff Gilbert, Reynolds continues to make remarkable progress with its Career and Technical Education; Fine Arts/Performing Arts; Reading and Math Intervention; and Leadership programs.

While at Reynolds, the Congressman visited the <u>Early Childhood Center</u>, a <u>Culinary Arts</u> classroom (the

homemade pizza smelled delicious!),

the state-of-the-art Metals Workshop

- , and the Woodworking Center, where teacher Eric Storm presented the Congressman with a custom made bow tie
- ! The Congressman also spoke with teacher John Dixon's Leadership Class
- , where he faced some tough questions from thoughtful and articulate freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior Reynolds students.

